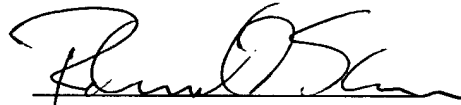


REMARKS

The application has been amended to delete the multiple dependencies therein, to provide appropriate headings for the various sections of the specification, and to delete the erroneous improper second paragraph of the abstract. Entry and consideration of this Amendment and an early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

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APPENDIX

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The specification is changed as follows:

Page 1, after the title delete the heading "TEXT OF DESCRIPTION" and insert the heading

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Page 3, before the first full paragraph insert the heading

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Page 6, before the paragraph beginning at the bottom of the page insert the

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Page 7, after the description of figure 4 insert the heading

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

IN THE CLAIMS:

Delete the heading "CLAIMS" and insert the heading

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

The claims are amended as follows:

9. (Amended) The filter according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ 1, wherein each filtering element is obtained with a process according to one or more of the claims of the international patent application WO 00/69542.

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IN THE ABSTRACT OF DISCLOSURE:

Delete the improper second paragraph of the Abstract containing the parenthetical phrase "(Figure 4)".

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